Comfort in Living

Comfort in the kitchen: An ethnographic user study

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Agenda

Method and cases

- Findings
 - Kitchen living
 - Changing needs
 - Easy access
- >> The creative man

Ethnographic fieldwork

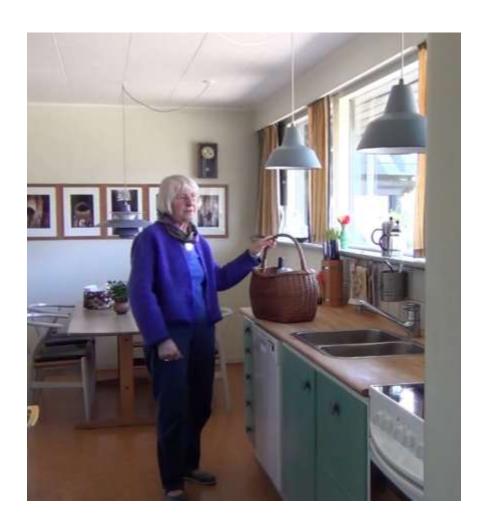
- Interviews
- Observations
 - How do you use your kitchen?
 - What works/does not work?



Cases

- >> Sweden, Finland, Lithuania, Latvia and Denmark
- ▶ 8 men and women (+ 1 group interview)
- ▶ Age 71-94
- All have their own kitchen
- Living alone

Kitchen living: dining in the kitchen







Kitchen living: decoration







Kitchen living: function and aesthetics





Kitchen living: media





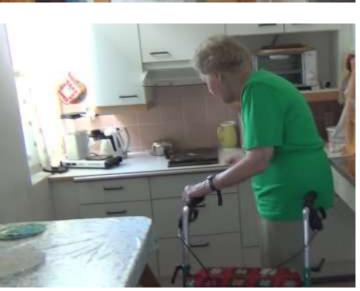
Changing needs: cooking





Changing needs: disabilities







Easy access: top cupboards





Housing Accessibility

Methodology Targeting Older People

- Reliable Assessments and Valid Standards

PhD thesis Tina Helle



Easy access: oven





Easy access: pots and pans





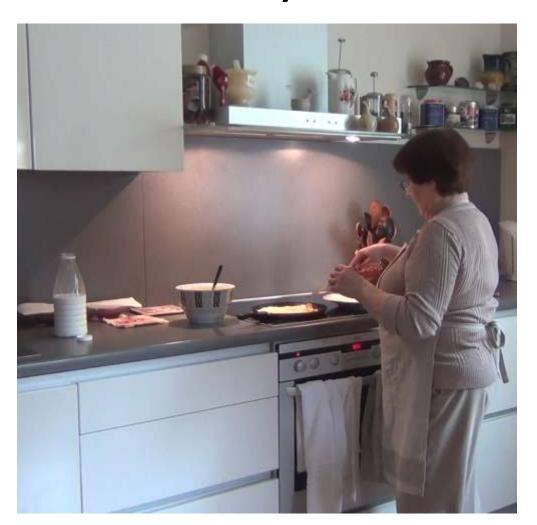


Easy access: drawers





Easy access: handles





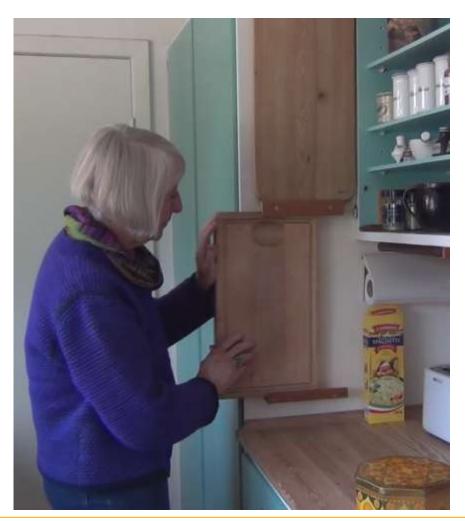
















Dish drainers







Microwaves

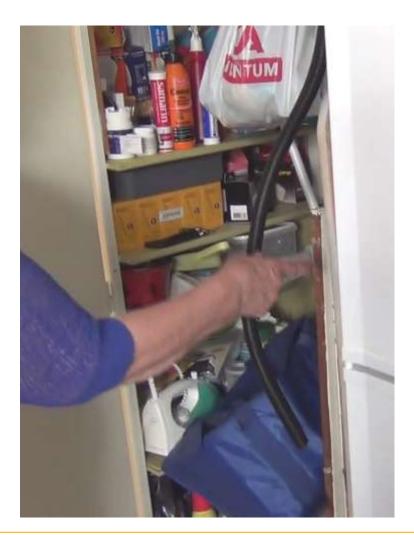








Medicine and cleaning detergents







Conclusions

- >> Assistive technology vs. design
- Changing needs → need for flexibility
- New concept: service design?